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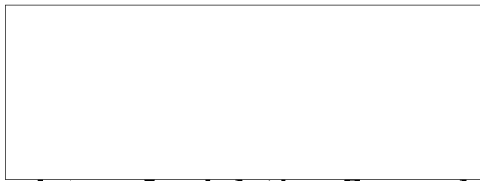
MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Mr. Pat Holt, Acting Staff Director  
of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee

1. On this date, I talked with Mr. Pat Holt concerning the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's request for Agency comments on S. Res. 196. This resolution, introduced by Senator Frank Church and over 29 co-sponsors, expresses the sense of the Senate that "unless the Government of South Vietnam abandons policies of repression against its own people and makes a determined and effective effort to regain their support, military and economic assistance to that Government should not be continued."

2. I advised Mr. Holt that since the resolution pertained purely to matters of policy, the Agency would prefer not to submit a written report if this was satisfactory to the Committee. Mr. Holt said he had no strong feelings about this but felt that on the record the Committee staff would be in an awkward position if it had not requested comments from CIA. He added that thus far there had been no pressure within the Committee on this resolution. As an alternative, we informally agreed that the Agency would do nothing on this unless some pressure did develop. In that event we will provide a report along the lines indicated.

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